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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

### APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STORMWATER AUTHORITY

#### WHEREAS:

1. Sustainable water resources management is vital to California's future. In 2008, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2008-0030](#), confirming its continued commitment to sustainable water resources management.
2. Storm water and dry weather runoff from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), construction sites, and industrial facilities continue to be a major source of water quality impairment throughout California.
3. Across the state, local stormwater programs have evolved over time from programs that were, in some cases, largely focused on public outreach and education and general control measures, to ones with specific control measures and water quality-based requirements, including the advancement of addressing impaired water bodies through Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and low impact development practices.
4. Stormwater stakeholders including members of the regulated community and environmental advocacy groups have expressed concerns regarding the statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater regulatory program effectiveness and the ability to address issues on a regional or statewide basis.
5. To promote stormwater as a resource in California, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2016-0003](#) approving the Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS). Implementation of STORMS included creation of the STORMS Core Implementation Committee consisting of representatives from the California Coastkeeper Alliance, the California Coalition for Environmental and Economic Balance, the California Stormwater Quality Association, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, and the Association of California Water Agencies.
6. In 2013 the State Water Board adopted [Resolution No. 2013-0029](#) directing actions in response to efforts by stakeholders to reduce cost of permit compliance while maintaining water quality protection. Such actions are to address the Water Boards' storm water regulatory program needs to advance and provide measurable water quality outcomes for the compliance costs.
7. The formation of the California Stormwater Authority as a new joint powers authority will assist with the sharing of resources to benefit regional and statewide stormwater management programs that emphasize stormwater and dry weather runoff as a resource and an important component of the state's water supply. The California Stormwater Authority will have the following functions:
  - a. Improve the quality of receiving waters through the reduction of pollution sources in urban and rural watersheds;

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- b. Provide research for the development of source and treatment controls for permittee compliance with NPDES construction, industrial, and municipal permits;
  - c. Assess state and national monitoring data to improve understanding of critical pollutants in stormwater that cause impairment of California's receiving waters;
  - d. Provide technical guidance documents and programs (including handbooks, manuals, and training programs) that support stormwater permit compliance and assist stormwater management professionals with advancing storm water programs effectiveness statewide;
  - e. Provide technical guidance for permit writer translation of, and permittee compliance with, Total Maximum Daily Load-related requirements in storm water permits; and
  - f. Improve public access to funding and education and outreach information regarding multiple benefit projects and regulatory permit requirements.
8. The purpose of the California Stormwater Authority is to support research and develop tools and training to assist public and private entities in complying with NPDES storm water permits to improve surface water quality and enhance water supplies in California.
9. The State Water Board expects that the STORMS Core Implementation Committee will provide feedback and recommendations on the projects considered for funding by the California Stormwater Authority through an established advisory role.
10. On March 1, 2018, the State Water Board provided public notice regarding the State Water Board's proposed formation of the California Stormwater Authority at the State Water Board's April 3, 2018 meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the formation of the California Stormwater Authority in accordance with the attached draft Joint Powers Agreement, in support of moving forward with collaborative efforts that improve local storm water management programs and statewide stormwater regulatory programs.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to execute the attached [Joint Powers Agreement](#), including any necessary revisions and future amendments, on behalf of the State Water Board.
3. Designates the Deputy Director of Water Quality to serve as a director of the California Stormwater Authority, with the Assistant Deputy Director of Water Quality for Surface Water as an alternate. Both designees will submit a completed Form 700 for their roles on the California Stormwater Authority's Board of Directors.

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4. Directs staff to ensure that the California Stormwater Authority files a notice of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement with the State Controller, within 30 days of the effective date of the Joint Powers Agreement in accordance with Government Code sections 6503.5 and 6503.6, respectively.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on April 3, 2018.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board